

# MEMORANDUM

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**Our ref:**

**Attention:**

**Your ref:**

**Through:**

**Originator:**

**Subject:** Proposal for the inclusion of a statin for the  
secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases  
In the WHO model list of essential medicines

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This proposal is comprehensive and excellent and I have only one comment.

Would it be possible to rephrase the title to;

`Proposal for the inclusion of a statin for prevention of cardiovascular diseases in individuals at high cardiovascular risk`.

There is good evidence that statin therapy is cost effective for high cardiovascular risk groups even in primary prevention.

This would also be consistent with recommendations in the recent WHO guideline on prevention of cardiovascular disease .

Thank you

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